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12 July 1950

MEMORANDUM TO: Assistant Director for Special Operations
Assistant Director for Operations
Assistant Director for Policy Coordination
Chief, Inspection and Security Staff
Chief, Coordination, Operations and Policy Staff
General Counsel
Personnel Director
Chief, Special Support Staff
Management Officer
Budget Officer

SUBJECT: Personnel Problems in the Event of a National Mobilization

REFERENCE: Memo from Act. Exec. to DCI, subject as above, dated 6 July 1950, copy attached.

1. Quoted below is the Director's action on reference memorandum:

"Approved insofar as preparing steps are concerned.
No letters to be sent or legislation to be introduced until further notice. Such things should be prepared, however."

R.H.H."

2. Planning responsibilities are assigned as indicated below:

a. Preparation and coordination of legislation - General Counsel.

b. Preparation and coordination of requests to the Director of Selective Service System - Personnel Director. (Mr. Van Esso, Chief, Administrative Staff, has personally handled verbal arrangements with the Director of Selective Service. Briefing should be obtained from Mr. Van Esso, and this responsibility handled in coordination with him.)

c. Preparation and coordination of desired agreement with the Office of the Secretary of Defense - Personnel Director. (Where it is considered desirable, there is no objection to the Personnel Director calling upon those officials who maintain covert operational liaison with the Office of the Secretary of Defense for assistance in obtaining agreement after actual contact with that office has been approved by the Director.)

3. During the interim period, pending approval by the Director for actual negotiations with the Director of Selective Service and the Secretary of Defense:

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a. All covert employees should be instructed to immediately advise their Washington offices of any orders or indication that orders might be issued calling them to active duty in the Military Establishment or inducting them therein. Upon receipt of such advice, the Personnel Director will be notified of each individual case and immediately endeavor to arrange with the military service concerned or the Office of the Secretary of Defense for the retention of the individual in his current CIA status.

b. Other individual cases requiring special exemption action in connection with procurement and retention of personnel to fill authorized positions will also be referred to the Personnel Director for action.

4. Lists of individuals desired for designation for assignment to OSO and OPC in case of national mobilization, for whom there is no current T/O authorization, will be prepared by those offices and delivered to the Personnel Director as soon as practicable. No further action will be taken in connection with this step pending further instructions from the Director.

FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

/s/

[Redacted]
Acting Executive

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